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New Year: Police tighten vigil

Parties to end by midnight; action against drunken driving, drugs

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (RK&BCT)- As Mysuru prepares to bid farewell to 2025 and welcome 2026, the City and District Police have put in place elaborate security arrangements to prevent any incidents that could endanger lives during New Year's Eve celebrations.

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar and Mysuru Superintendent of Police N. Vishnuvardhana have advised the public, particularly the youth, to conclude all parties and gatherings by midnight on Dec. 31 and return home safely.

Across the city, Deputy Commissioners of Police, Assistant Commissioners of Police, Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, Assistant Sub-Inspectors and Station

Seema Latkar *Vishnuvardhana*

staff will be deployed on special duty, with senior officers supervising patrols to ensure that no untoward incidents occur.

The Police have warned against rave parties, consumption of ganja or synthetic drugs, drunken driving, harassment of women and indecent behaviour under the influence of alcohol, emphasising that such acts are punishable under the law.

Seema Latkar cautioned that strict action would be taken against violators.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj urged citizens from all walks of life to celebrate responsibly and within limits, and to extend full cooperation to the Police. He reiterated that any violation of rules would invite legal action.

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BABU'S BANTER

By M.V. Nagendra Babu

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

STUDY AND FOLLOW THE SCRIPTURES: ***Most of us become victims of our own desires. We act according to the impulses of the mind rather than the decisions of the intellect, which often proves detrimental, even fatal. Many believe they think, decide and act independently, but fail to recognise that the intellect is frequently reasoning under the influence of the mind, coloured by the strength of desires. Consequently, the intellect does not see what it ought to see; it sees only what it wants to see.***

Not questioning the very basis of our actions, assuming our actions are correct and merely trying to figure out how to execute them, is the intellect functioning under the spell of the mind. When we follow our desires, we become agitated because we are not doing what we ought to do; when we resist them, we become frustrated because a powerful desire remains unfulfilled. Thus, life swings between agitation and frustration.

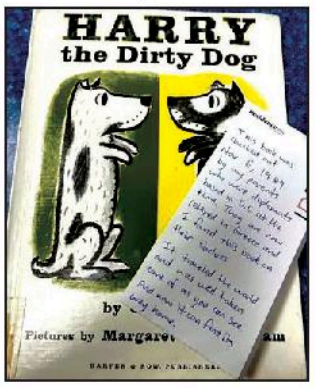
Therefore, we cannot rely on the mind's impulses, nor can we fully trust the intellect, as it may be charmed or held hostage by the mind. But we would never know when this occurs. Then on what basis should we decide our course of action?

Krishna advises in the *Bhagavad Gita: Tasmāt shāstraṁ pramāṇaṁ te kāryākārya-vyavasthitau* — ***"Therefore, the scripture be your authority in determining what ought to be done and what ought not to be done."*** *Shastram* ***is the body of literature that protects us through its teachings and instructions. When we lack confidence in our intellect, we must follow the scriptures as though they are correct and we are wrong — whether we like it or not, understand it or not, find it practical or not. Scriptures have no hidden motives; they are objective. Their objectivity protects us until we become internally objective. Objectivity is the ability to function beyond the influence of desires and to process the primary motives of life through questioning, analysing and understanding. It is the hallmark of a strong intellect. As we grow, we must gradually move from following commandments to systematic study, independent reflection and assimilation of scriptural truths. This increases clarity and strengthens the intellect.***

Thus, scriptures protect us when we are immature and strengthen us through their teachings. Therefore, follow and study the scriptures. *—R. Eswaran in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Library book returned after 36 years



Virginia: An overdue library book was returned to the Chantilly Regional Library after 36 years and a trip to Greece.

The Fairfax County Library system posted about the book's return on Facebook recently. Harry the Dirty Dog was initially checked out by Nov. 6, 1989 by diplomats living in D.C., their son, Dimitris, said in a note.

"They are now retired in Greece and I found this book on their shelves. It travelled the world and was well taken care of as you can see. And now it can find its way home," he said.

Polar bear mother adopts orphaned cub

Ottawa: A team of Canadian researchers have documented a rare case of a female polar bear adopting an unrelated cub who was apparently orphaned.

The non-profit group Polar Bears International said researchers placed a tracking collar on a female polar bear with a single cub in the spring, and she was spotted again in the fall -- this time with two cubs of approximately the same age.

The mother bear, identified as X33991, is part of the Western Hudson Bay polar bear sub-population. Researchers said that in over 4,600 bears from the sub-population that have been studied over the course of the last half century, this is only the 13th documented case of a mother adopting an orphaned cub.

"Polar bear adoptions are very rare and unusual and we don't know why they happen," Alysa McCall, staff scientist for Polar Bears International said.

Researchers said they took a genetic sample from the adopted cub in the hopes of identifying what happened to its biological mother.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Stress hormones directly influence heart demand

Adrenaline increases heart rate and oxygen requirement. In vulnerable hearts, this imbalance can contribute to emergency situations.

By Dr. C.B. Keshavamurthy - Senior Consultant – Interventional Cardiology, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Medal winners in Intl. Combat Festival

The athletes of Team Genesis, Mysuru, excelled in the recently held MMAFI International Combat Festival held at Mumbai. The medal winning atheletes *— (front row - from left)* ***Shashank - gold medal, Pooja - gold, Swathi - gold and Thrishya - silver;*** *(middle row - from left)* ***Yashraj (gold), R. Rohan (gold) and Dhyan (silver) — are seen with*** *(standing from left)* ***Assistant Coach Anjali and Head Coach Samith Bhat.***

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **123.80 feet**	Today's level **2,275.70 feet**	Today's level **2,828.91 feet**
Last year's level **124.80 feet**	Last year's level **2,279.89 feet**	Last year's level **2,833.17 feet**
Yesterday's level **123.66 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,275.84 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,829.28 feet**
Today's Inflow **3,690 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **188 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **113 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **1,285 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1000 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **300 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Insects can fly up to 3.25 km above sea level, at least.***
- ***Alpine bumblebees have been found living as high up as 3.25 km above sea level and could even fly in lab conditions that replicate the air density and oxygen levels at 9 km — that's just higher than Mount Everest.***
- ***Flying grows increasingly challenging as air density decreases because there are fewer molecules for an insect's wings to push against.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Tintu was holding a piece of Ice high and was looking carefully.
Observer: *Child, why are you so carefully looking at it?*
Tintu: *Nothing. I am looking at the hole from where it is leaking.*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 89.58
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 119.84
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 24.39
1 Euro	= Rs. 105.15

VOICE OF THE READER

No streetlights on Bogadi Main Road

Sir,

I would like to bring to attention the serious issue of the lack of streetlights on Bogadi Main Road, starting from Brigade Palm Groves. This road witnesses heavy traffic throughout the day and night. It serves as a lifeline for thousands of commuters travelling from the city to several layouts and rural areas, including Maratikyathanahalli, Ganagarahundi and many more villages extending up to Gaddige.

The stretch is densely populated and traffic remains constant at all hours. After dusk, the entire road turns pitch dark, leading to several minor incidents and near-miss situations involving pedestrians crossing the road and stray animals such as dogs and cattle.

It is especially dangerous for two-wheelers, as the darkness greatly reduces visibility. Even four-wheelers resort to using high-beam headlights, which further blinds and endangers two-wheeler riders.

I request the authorities concerned to take immediate action and install streetlights along this stretch to prevent major accidents and ensure public safety.

—M.B. Vijay
Deepanagar
13.11.2025

MGNREGA modified suiting modern demands: MP

Yaduveer

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (GA&BS)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar has defended the recently introduced Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) Bill, 2025, replacing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (MGNREGA), by the Central Govt.

Yaduveer told media persons, there is no value for Congress' charges, as relevant changes to MGNREGA was essential, suiting the present days demands. With new rules, the Centre aims at providing new opportunities.

"As per VB-G RAM G, once implemented, the daily wagers will receive their pay once in every week, getting rid of earlier system of making payment, only after the works were completed. The new law is lenient towards allowing the labourer to leave the work, to tend to farming activities. Moreover, the new law is technology friendly, which entails more benefits," he said.

Mahatma Gandhi is in the heart of all and is believed that all the works embody values propagated by the great personality. The values envisaged by Gandhiji can be seen in the implementation of PM Awas Yojana, Jal Jeevan Mission, PM Mudra Scheme to name a few. Under Viksit Bharat, the development activities are being carried out in a perpetual order.

Regarding development plans for Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency, he said Mysuru- Kushalnagar 4-lane Highway project is expected to be completed by March 2027 and expansion works of Mysore Airport will get a major push, with the process of handing over of land expected to be completed in one or two weeks.

National IP Yatra workshop held

'India must tap its potential and unexploited powers of innovation to emerge as global leader in creation of intellect'

Mysuru, Dec. 21- The two-day National IP Yatra Workshop, organised by Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), in association with the Ministry of MSME, Government of India, witnessed active participation from entrepreneurs, innovators, MSMEs and other key stakeholders, reflecting strong interest in strengthening India's intellectual property ecosystem.

Maroti Dube, Assistant Director, MSME-DFO, Bengaluru, Government of India, spoke on the benefits of the MSME Innovative Scheme along with other important initiatives of the Ministry. He felt that the Ministry was being proactive in hand-holding MSMEs to develop, protect and commercialise their innovations through increased IP filings.

The session also had a keynote address by Siddarth Karkhanis, Head of Intellectual Property, Bosch India, where he underscored Bosch's flagship open innovation initiative called "DNA Nxt."

He highlighted how the initiative uses open innovation to deliver on impact at scale by fostering collaboration between industry, start-ups, academia and innovators across the country. Karkhanis emphasised the need for such enabling platforms in translating innovative ideas into scalable solutions which accord with the growth aspirations of the country.

Bhaskar Kalale, President, TiE-Mysuru, shared insights on the vibrant innovation ecosystem nurtured by TiE-Mysuru. He complimented the Ministry of MSME for its pivotal role in enabling initiatives such as the National IP Yatra, which play a crucial role in nurturing innovation at the grassroots level.

Strengthening the discussion further, Vijaykumar Shivpuje, Advisor, ASSOCHAM IP Facilitation Centre (IPFC), elaborated on the role of Intellectual Property Rights as a crucial accelerator for growth and making the MSME sector more competitive.

He concluded by advocating that India tap its potential & unexploited powers of innovation to emerge as a global leader in innovation and creation of intellect.

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ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್–ಕಂ–ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ನ್ಯೂ ಸಯ್ಯಾಜಿರಾವ್ ರಸ್ತೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಮೈಸೂರು ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಹಣ್ಣುಗಳ ಸಗಟು ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಉಪ ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣದ 2ನೇ ಗೇಟ್ ಬಳಿ ಇರುವ ಟೀ–ಸ್ಟಾಲ್ ನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ವ್ಯವಹಾರ (ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ ಮತ್ತು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ) ಶಾಸನ 1966, ನಿಯಮ 1968 ಮತ್ತು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ (ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸ್ಥಿತಿನ ಪಂಚಿಕೆ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ) ನಿಯಮಗಳು–2004 ರ ನಿಯಮ 14 ರನ್ವಯ ಲೀವ್ ಅಂಡ್ ಲೈಸೆನ್ಸ್ ಶುಲ್ಕದ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಟ 55 ತಿಂಗಳ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಮರು ಟೆಂಡರ್–ಕಂ–ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜು ಮೂಲಕ ಹಂಚಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಹರಿಂದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

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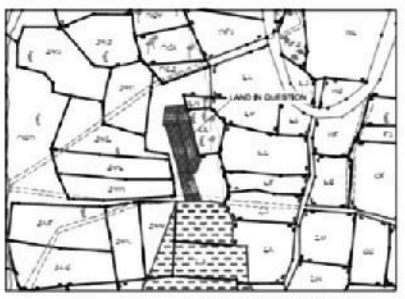

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Sri Ganapathy Ashram at Ayodhya

Sri Ramotsavam and inauguration of Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram at Ashrafi Bhawan Chauraha, near Nirmochan Road, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh, will be held from Dec. 24 to 28. **Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji** of Avadhoota Datta Peetham, Mysuru, will grace the occasion.

Painting competition for children

As part of the annual Suttur Jatra to take place at Suttur in Nanjangud taluk from Jan. 15 to 20, a State-level spot painting competition for children has been organised at Suttur at 10 am on Jan. 18. The competition will be held under 4 categories (with theme in brackets)- Children of First and second standard (Left to their discretion), 3rd and 4th standard (Parks), Fifth to Seventh standards (Rural life) and Eighth to Tenth standards (Save Nature, Save future). Students from across the state can take part. For details, e-mail to- jssdrawingcomp@gmail.com or contact Ph: 0821- 2548212-122 or Mob: 94802-81097, 94489-57905, according to a press release.

Pramati's Annual Sports Meet

The Annual Sports Meet of Pramati Hillview Academy, Kuvempunagar, Mysuru, will be held at Oval Grounds in city on Tuesday (Dec. 23). Reena George, an International Athlete and 'Ekalavya' awardee, will inaugurate the Sports Meet.

Ph.D awardees

V.N. Sharmila has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'Kannada Kadambari Adharita Chalana-chitragalali Mahila Samvedane' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Kokila.

P.R. Chandrnayaka has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for his thesis 'Na.Mogasale Avara Samagra Kavyada Adhyayana' [Guide: Dr. B.P. Ashakumari].

Two illegal shops razed near CFTRI junction

Makeshift encroachments thrive, but action comes only on KRS Road

A makeshift shop seen near CFTRI on Mysuru-KRS road in city.

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (BCT)- Despite rampant footpath encroachments across Mysuru, civic authorities sprang into action only after illegal shops suddenly appear along the heavily congested KRS Road.

On Friday morning, officials of Zone-6 of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) demolished two makeshift shops that had come up near the CFTRI junction, close to the Vani Vilas Water Works.

The drive was carried out on the Commissioner's orders. However, officials could not explain who erected the structures or when they came up. Repeated attempts to contact the Commissioner for clarification proved futile.

Public outcry

Residents have long voiced anger over unchecked encroachments on footpaths across the city. With shopkeepers occupying pavements by displaying goods and vehicles parked for business, pedestrians are routinely forced onto busy carriageways, exposing them to serious risk. The proliferation of fast-food stalls in narrow spaces has further aggravated the problem.

Citizens allege that civic authorities have failed to take sustained action to preserve Mysuru's reputation as a clean and beautiful city, allowing encroachments to flourish with little deterrence.

Negligence and risk

Residents said the sudden emergence of shops on KRS Road highlighted official apathy. The stretch is a key arterial road carrying heavy traffic, including buses bound for Pandavapura, Hebbal Industrial Area and Yelwal, apart from water supply vehicles from the Vani Vilas Water Works.

They warned that had the illegal shops remained, accidents would have been inevitable, with customers parking on the roadside and heavy vehicles negotiating an already congested corridor.

Citizens cautioned that unless authorities adopt a consistent and preventive approach to remove footpath encroachments, the situation would spiral out of control.

"It is better to act now than trade blame after a tragedy," a resident said, urging the MCC to prioritise pedestrian safety and urban order.

Garbage pile up on Chamundi Hill road

Cows feeding on garbage dumped on Chamundi Hill road in city.

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (TRR)- Despite a joint operation by the Forest Department and local bodies to curb the use of plastic in and around the sacred Chamundi Hill, and warnings of fines for violations, authorities have failed to control the menace, raising concerns that enforcement has been lax.

The continued use of plastic and dumping of plastic waste along the approach roads to Chamundi Hill has triggered serious concern among Mysuru residents.

Plastic waste is strewn on both sides of the road between the Golf Club and Chamundi Hill. Torn plastic sheets, garbage-filled plastic covers, liquor bottles and plastic cups are found scattered across the stretch.

Rotten items dominate roads

Rotten fruits, vegetables and even construction debris are also visible along the road connecting the Golf Club and Chamundi Hill. Stray cattle & dogs are frequently seen feeding on rotting food waste dumped in plastic covers.

The condition of other roads leading to Chamundi Hill, including M.G. Road and Lalitha Mahal Road, is no different, except for the Tavarekatte Main Road.

Residents say the Mysuru City Corporation's (MCC) failure to clear garbage regularly has resulted in the accumulation of decomposing waste, posing the risk of contagious diseases.

Leopard scare

The presence of stray dogs and cattle along these roads has also raised fears of leopards straying into the area in search of prey, posing a serious safety concern for pedestrians, devotees walking uphill and residents of Gowrishankar Nagar and Nazarbad who commute on these routes.

Citizens have also blamed street vendors for dumping leftover food along the roads. The growing stray dog population is posing a direct threat to pedestrians, while the possibility of leopard movement has added to public anxiety. MCC must take immediate steps to clear the existing garbage, the residents urged.

Weight difference: FIR against bank gold appraiser

Row at Canara Bank, Hinkal branch

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (KS)- Following difference in the weight of gold valuables pledged for loan at the Hinkal Branch of Canara Bank leading to frantic customers, including men and women thronging the Bank on Dec. 17 and taking the Bank staff to task, Vijayanagar Police have registered a FIR against the Bank appraiser.

The appraiser against whom the FIR is registered is Ashwin Achar. A bank appraiser assesses the value of assets (like real estate or gold) for banks to determine loan security, collateral worth, and risk, ensuring the asset's value covers the loan amount. The appraiser is a skilled person who helps the Bank determine the purity, weight and market price of gold.

Ashwin Achar has been working as the appraiser at Canara Bank, Hinkal Branch, since 2014. Recently, Bank customers H.V. Kiran and Shwetha had expressed doubts over the weight of their gold ornaments which were pledged in the Bank. On Dec. 19, Bank customer Radha and another customer had complained to the Bank authorities that their gold ornaments weighed less by 3.573 grams.

Following a series of complaints, the Bank staff and Regional Manager Rajashekar, inspected the gold ornaments thoroughly and found that there were differences in the weight of gold ornaments. It appeared that Ashwin Kumar had cheated the customers who had pledged their gold with trust to avail loan.

Based on the complaint from Bank's Regional Manager Rajashekar, Vijayanagar Police, who have registered a case are investigating.

Justice Sapre flags safety gaps on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway

Chairman of Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Road Safety seeks digital speed control

Mandya, Dec. 21 (BCT)- Retired Supreme Court Judge and Chairman of the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Road Safety, Justice Abhay Manohar Sapre, along with Mandya district officials, conducted a detailed inspection of National Highway-275 to assess safety measures on the busy Mysuru-Bengaluru corridor.

The review, held yesterday, focused on identifying steps to prevent serious accidents along the access-controlled and tolled stretch.

Officials noted that the installation of AI-powered surveillance cameras had contributed to a reduction in accidents compared to the previous year. While appreciating the initiative, Justice Sapre stressed the need for further improvements, particularly on accident-prone stretches. He recommended the installation of digital speed control systems to curb over-speeding, stronger speed monitoring and enforcement mechanisms, and the placement of clear and visible signboards in high-risk zones.

Justice Sapre also underscored the importance of public awareness initiatives and media training programmes on road safety, along with strict enforcement of lane discipline to curb reckless driving.

Justice Sapre said these measures would significantly reduce accidents and enhance commuter safety on one of the State's busiest Highways.

The inspection team included Mandya Deputy Commissioner Dr. Kumara, Bengaluru Transport Commissioner A.M. Yogeesh, Mandya Superintendent of Police Mallikarjun Baladandi, Additional Superintendent of Police Thimmaiah and Project Director of National Highways Authority of India Milind Wabale, besides other senior officials.

Authorities reiterated their commitment to enforcing stricter safety protocols to improve road safety standards on National Highways.

Every life matters; road deaths must be zero

Justice Sapre stresses strict road safety enforcement in Mysuru

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (BCT)- Every life is invaluable and the ultimate goal must be to bring road accident fatalities down to zero, said retired Supreme Court Judge and Chairman of the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Road Safety, Justice Abhay Manohar Sapre.

Chairman of Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Road Safety, Justice Abhay Manohar Sapre, presiding over a meeting at ZP Hall in city yesterday as Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy and City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar look on.

Presiding over a meeting of the Road Safety Committee at the Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Hall yesterday, Justice Sapre observed that while wars are fought with intent, road accidents occur without purpose yet claim nearly two lakh lives every year in India, a situation he described as deeply alarming.

Negligence primary cause

He said, negligence in wearing helmets and seat belts, along with overspeeding, remained the primary causes of road fatalities.

Wearing a helmet or seat belt does not require education but common sense, Justice Sapre remarked, noting that even highly educated individuals had lost their lives by ignoring these basic safety measures.

He stressed that a culture of strict adherence to traffic rules must be cultivated through sustained awareness campaigns coupled with firm enforcement by the Police.

Karnataka ranks fifth in country

Pointing out that Karnataka ranks fifth in the country in terms of road accidents and Mysuru district stands tenth, Justice Sapre said, officials must ensure quality road construction and take preventive measures to eliminate potholes and accident-prone black spots.

Referring to Mysuru's status as a major tourist hub with heavy private bus traffic, he directed the Regional Transport Authorities to conduct regular inspections of buses for roadworthiness, valid Driving Licences and insurance compliance.

Justice Sapre also noted that rural areas account for more fatalities than urban centres and called for intensified awareness programmes in villages.

He suggested setting up a technical traffic park to provide interactive road safety education to the public.

He urged Government offices, companies, schools and colleges to make helmet use mandatory for staff and students commuting by two-wheelers.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy presented data on accidents, fatalities, identified black spots and corrective measures taken between 2020 and 2025.

City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar outlined the installation of surveillance cameras in accident-prone areas and measures adopted to prevent mishaps.

The meeting was attended by SP N. Vishnuvardhana, Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer (CEO) S. Ukesh Kumar, Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, among other senior officials.

Rs. 855.79 crore toll collected on Mysuru-Bengaluru NH-275

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (BCT)- The Mysuru-Bengaluru National Highway-275 has recorded a cumulative toll collection of Rs. 855.79 crore. The 119-km access-controlled Highway, constructed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in March 2023. The stretch begins at Kumbalgodu in Bengaluru and traverses 55-km in Ramanagara district, 58-km in Mandya district and 5-km in Mysuru district.

The Highway has Toll Plazas at Kaniminike near Bidadi in Bengaluru South taluk, Seshagirihalli in Ramanagara taluk (near Bengaluru entry) in the Bengaluru-Nidaghatta section and Gananguru in Srirangapatna taluk (Mysuru entry) of Mandya district in the Nidaghatta-Mysuru section.

Between 2022-23 and 2025-26, Rs. 282.14 crore was collected at the Kaniminike Toll Plaza, Rs. 248.42 crore at Seshagirihalli and Rs. 325.23 crore at the Gananguru Toll Plaza.

Accidents & fatalities

From 2023 to 2025, as many as 1,674 accidents were reported on the Highway, resulting in 215 deaths and leaving 311 persons seriously injured.

Of these, 865 accidents occurred on the Bengaluru-Nidaghatta stretch (Package 1), claiming 76 lives and causing serious injuries to 185 persons.

On the Nidaghatta-Mysuru stretch (Package 2), 809 accidents were recorded, in which 139 people lost their lives, and 126 were seriously injured.

While accidents and fatalities have shown a year-on-year decline on the Bengaluru-Nidaghatta stretch, both the number of accidents and deaths have increased on the Nidaghatta-Mysuru stretch.

Despite the reduction of the speed limit to 100 kmph and the installation of surveillance cameras at various locations to monitor speeding and impose fines, there has been no significant reduction in accidents.

MLC Madhu G. Madegowda said, greater emphasis was needed on traffic regulation and safety measures.

"Bengaluru-Mysuru Highways Pvt. Ltd. has initiated additional road safety measures under the HAM project. As part of this, a service road will be constructed near Thoobinakere in Mandya district, along with speed breakers and signboards to improve road safety," he said.

3-day Pulse Polio drive begins

2,22,084 children below five to be covered; 1,600 booths, 4,000 health staff deployed

Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda administering polio drops to a child at Lakshmidevamma Shankara Shetty Maternity Hospital in V.V. Puram this morning as others look on.

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (BLU&BS)- A three-day Pulse Polio drive began across the district this morning as part of a nationwide initiative under the National Pulse Polio Immunisation Programme. The drive will conclude on Dec. 23.

The District Administration, in association with the Zilla Panchayat and the District Health & Family Welfare Department, formally launched the campaign at Lakshmidevamma Shankara Shetty Maternity Hospital in V.V. Puram.

Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda administered polio drops to a child, marking the inauguration, in the presence of Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, ZP CEO S. Ukesh Kumar, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, District Surgeon Dr. Satish and District Reproductive and Child Health Officer Dr. Mohammed Shiraz Ahmed.

District-wise coverage

In Mysuru district, out of a total population of 33.78 lakh spread across 10,07,072 households, 2,22,084 children below five years of age have been identified for immunisation.

Taluk-wise targets include Mysuru Urban (88,879), Mysuru Rural (24,525), T. Narasipur (18,010), Nanjangud (20,652), H.D. Kote (18,684), Hunsur (17,222), Periyapatna (18,074) and K.R. Nagar (15,238), totalling 2,22,084 children.

Booths and workforce

DHO Dr. Kumaraswamy said that 95 percent of the target children are expected to be covered on the first day itself.

More than 1,600 vaccination booths have been set up across the district, with the deployment of over 4,000 personnel, including Doctors, Health staff and Taluk Health Officers.

Special booths have been established at transit points such as the Railway Station, KSRTC Sub-Urban Bus Stand, and major tourist locations, including Mysore Palace and Mysuru Zoo.

At the Sub-Urban Bus Stand, booths are functioning at the Mysuru-Bengaluru terminal, inter-State terminal and Tumakuru-side terminal, while the Palace booth is located near the Varaha Gate, the main entrance.

Door-to-door follow-up

On the second, third and fourth days of the drive, Health Workers will conduct house-to-house visits to identify and administer drops to children who may have missed vaccination at booths. Although India was declared polio-free in 2014 with the last case reported in January 2011, polio cases continue to be reported in neighbouring countries such as Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Officials said, the continued conduct of Pulse Polio drives is essential to prevent the risk of virus transmission through migratory populations.

A child being administered with polio drops at the special booth set up near the Varaha Gate of Mysore Palace this morning.

Dr. Appagere Thimmaraju & team present folk songs at BVB Mysuru

Dr. Appagere Thimmaraju and troupe presenting folk songs at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru Kendra, in Vijayanagar 1st Stage last evening as part of its 162nd Cultural Outreach Programme. He is accompanied by Vanitha, Divya and Megha as co-singers, Punyesh on harmonium, Raghu on tabla, Punith on flute, Kiran on dholak and Gurudath on tala gejje.

District Minister to inaugurate

Flower Show

at Mysore Palace this evening

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (MTY&BS)- Countdown has begun for the opening of 10-day Flower Show organised as part of Magi Utsav (Winter Festival) at Palace premises this evening.

The Flower Show will be open till Dec. 31, between 5 pm and 9 pm.

Social Welfare and District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will inaugurate the Flower Show at 4 pm. Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa will preside . Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar will be present.

Various floral artefacts made using lakhs of flowers of myriad hues are the main attractions, with a replica of Sringeri Temple being the novel creation of this year Flower Show.

The Siridhanya made portrait of green crusader Saalumarada Thimmakka, who passed away recently, model picture of erstwhile ruler of Mysore Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, Preamble of Indian Constitution, vegetable carvings, idols of Lord Sri Krishna and Radha on a swing, model of World Cup-winning Indian women's cricket team and screening of visually challenged cricket players on digital screen are among other notable attractions.

The Palace will be illuminated for the occasion, from 7 pm to 9 pm up to Dec. 31, along with the staging of cultural programmes up to Dec. 25, from 5 pm to 9.30 pm.

Floral replica of Sringeri Temple at Palace premises.

Raithara Habba on Dec. 24

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (MTY&DM)- Marking National Farmers Day, the city based Karunadu Raitha Rakshana Pade has organised a day-long 'Raithara Habba' (Farmers Festival) at the Skating Ground in Hebbal here on Dec. 24.

Announcing this at a press meet here yesterday, Karunadu Raitha Rakshana Pade Founder-State President M.K. Sanjay said that the event will commence from 11 am on that day.

Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, Ministers Zameer Ahmed & N. Cheluvarayaswamy, MLAs G.T Devegowda & K. Harishgowda and other elected representatives are expected to take part.

Condolence will be paid to 'Vruksha Maate' Saalumarada Thimmakka, who passed away recently, he said.

Sanjay further said that prior to the start of the event, a grand procession will be taken out from Vijayanagar Water Tank junction to the venue (Hebbal Skating Ground) at 10 am, in which 10 pairs of superior Hallikar breed cattle will take part.

Rakshana Pade office-bearers Yatish Patel, K.M. Shivakumar and K.J. Paramesh were present at the press meet.

Friends could not save him, but he saved others

28-year-old auto driver declared brain-dead after stroke; organs donated

Rajesh

Brain stroke claimed his father 15 years ago, sister in 2024 and mother nine months ago

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (MTY&KS)- Efforts by friends of a young autorickshaw driver to save his life ended in tragedy when he was declared brain dead at a hospital in Mysuru.

In a final act of compassion, a relative later gave consent for organ donation, allowing the young man's organs to give a new lease of life to several patients.

The deceased has been identified as Rajesh (28), a resident of Parasaiyyana Hundi village in the taluk.

In a tragic coincidence, a brain stroke has repeatedly struck his family.

Rajesh's father died of a brain stroke about 15 years ago, his sister succumbed to the same ailment in 2024 and his mother passed away due to a brain stroke around nine months ago.

According to his friends, Rajesh fell ill on Dec. 14 and was admitted to Aravinda Hospital in Mysuru.

The following day, he was shifted to Vistara Hospital, where he underwent treatment for two days.

On Dec. 17, doctors informed his friends that Rajesh had suffered a brain stroke and advised that he be moved to Apollo BGS Hospitals for advanced care.

Acting on the advice, his friends shifted him to Apollo Hospitals the same day. After examination, doctors informed them that Rajesh was brain-dead.

They also explained that his organs could be harvested to save multiple lives, provided consent was obtained from his parents or relatives. By then, Rajesh's friends had already spent around Rs. 2 lakh in their efforts to save him.

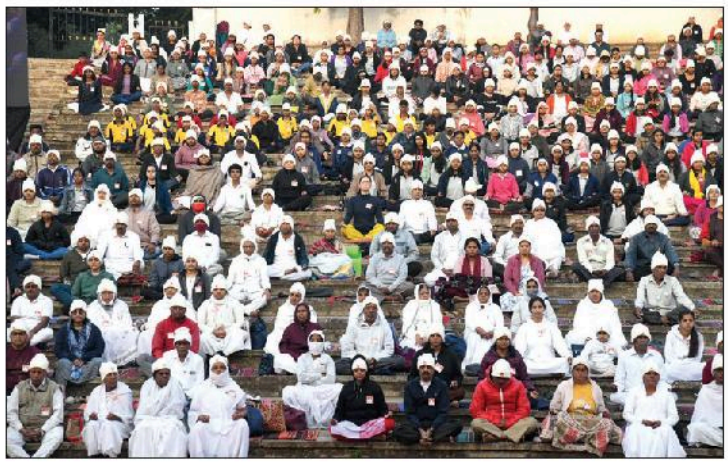
With Rajesh's parents and sister no longer alive, his friends made determined efforts to trace a close relative. They eventually contacted the son of Rajesh's paternal uncle.

On learning about Rajesh's condition, the relative rushed to the hospital and gave consent for organ donation.

Following the consent, Rajesh's eyes, kidneys and heart valves were harvested yesterday, hospital sources said.

Rajesh's friends who received the body from hospital authorities, performed his last rites at the foot of Chamundi Hill today.

Nearly 3,000 people take part in World Meditation Day



Mysuru, Dec. 21 (MK&DM)- Braving chilling cold, nearly 3,000 people from across the city took part in the World Meditation Day programme organised by the city's Prajapita Brahmakumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mysuru, at Open Air theatre in Manasagangothri campus here early this morning.

University of Mysore (UoM) Registrar M.K.Savitha, who spoke after inaugurating the programme, said that doing meditation will help in creation of positive thoughts in the minds of people of all ages. Pointing out that meditation is an ancient practise that involves one's attention on the present moment, she said that meditation has been practised for thousands of years. " World Meditation Day is celebrated for inner peace and global harmony. Meditation is rooted in religious, yogic and secular traditions across cultures", she noted.

Brahmakumari Lakshmiji delivered a lecture on the topic 'The benefits of Meditation', while Brahma Kumari Manjula delivered a talk on Mass Meditation.

Students and members of the public took part.

KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sharanappa V.Halse, Government Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences College Principal Dr.Venkatakrishna, Assistant Director of Ayurveda Research Centre Dr. Lakshminarayan Shenoy, B.K. Ranganath and others were present.

At Chamundi Hill: World Meditation Day was also celebrated atop Chamundi Hill, under the aegis of Sri Chamundeshwari Development Authority.

The Authority Secretary M.J. Roopa, Chamundeshwari Hill temple chief priest Shashishekar Dikshit and others were present.

New Year: Police tighten vigil

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In addition to arrangements within the city, surprise inspections were conducted at resorts and lodges in Kabini (H.D. Kote taluk) and the Nagarahole area of Hunsur taluk.

Owners were summoned and instructed to maintain strict vigilance on New Year's Eve and warned that they would be held accountable for any untoward incidents.

SP Vishnuvardhana told *Star of Mysore* that guidelines on the DOs and DON'Ts for Dec. 31 had already been circulated across the district.

He urged the public to follow police instructions, adhere to the law and celebrate the New Year in a safe and joyful manner.

Caste abuse of CESC EE

Electrical contractor arrested

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (BS)- An electrical contractor has been arrested on the charges of caste abuse and issuing a threat to the Executive Engineer of Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Ltd.

S.B. Anita, Executive Engineer of CESC, N.R. Mohalla Sub-Division, had lodged a complaint against Sripal, an electrical contractor, at the Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement (DCRE) Police Station, in the city. Following which, the arrest was made.

It is alleged, Sripal was frequenting the office of Anita, only to exert pressure on her to pay heed to his demand to carry out the contract in violation of norms. As Anita remained unheeded, he was picking up a wordy duel with her during office hours and was levelling allegations, indulging in her character assassination. She had lodged a complaint in this regard at Lashkar Police Station on Feb. 21 this year itself.

Sripal, with an intention of avenging the humiliation, was berating her publicly, even in front of her colleagues and others, taking the name of her caste. He was making corruption charges against her, following which Anita had warned him to mend his ways. However, Sripal, who remained adamant, continued to abuse her in office. On Dec. 8, Sripal, who was near a tea shop at Mathrumandali Circle in Vontikoppal, had spoken in a derogatory tone against her. Unable to tolerate insinuating remarks, Anita had complained to DCRE.

Earlier, Sripal had complained to Lokayukta against Anita, accusing the latter of issuing permission for electricity connection to a building without Completion Certificate (CC) and Occupancy Certificate (OC), in violation of Supreme Court order.

Obituary

B. Lakshman Kumar

Mysuru, Dec. 21- B. Lakshman Kumar (Babu), a resident of Shankar Mutt Road, Fort Mohalla, passed away in the early hours of today. He was 64.

He leaves behind his wife Sharada, sons Arjun and Vivek and a host of relatives and friends.

Lakshman Kumar had represented various State and National-level skating competitions and had bagged prizes.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Sharadhamma

Sharadhamma (92), wife of late Vasantharajaiah and a resident of Saraswathipuram, passed away this morning in city.

She leaves behind sons Dr. H.V. Parishwanath, Dr. H.V. Srimandir Kumar and H.V. Sathish and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

R.R. Vijay

R.R. Vijay (44), Devaraja Market Pourakarmika Sanitary Supervisor, General Secretary of MCC Permanent and Contract Pourakarmikas Association and a resident of Rajiv Gandhi Colony near Silk Factory, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind his mother, wife, one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Vidyaranyapuram Burial Grounds, near Sterling Theatre today.

Krishnamma

Krishnamma (82), wife of late KEB Linganna of Ittigegud and a resident of Mahadevapura, passed away on Friday in city.

She leaves behind sons Hotel Sandesh the Prince PRO M.L. Shivaprakash and M.L. Shekar, daughters Manjula and Saroja, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill on the same day.

Adige Srinivas

Adige Srinivas (55), son of Javanappa Chikkalingaiah of K.G. Koppal-Jayanagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Bhagya, son Nikhil, daughter Sushmitha, brothers, sisters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds yesterday.

Kalaiah

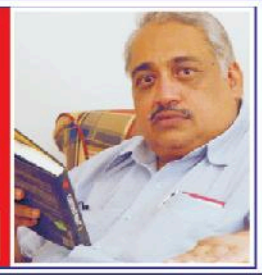
Kalaiah (70), of Metagalli, passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind wife Padma, daughter Rajeshwari, son Kalingaraju and a host of relatives and friends.

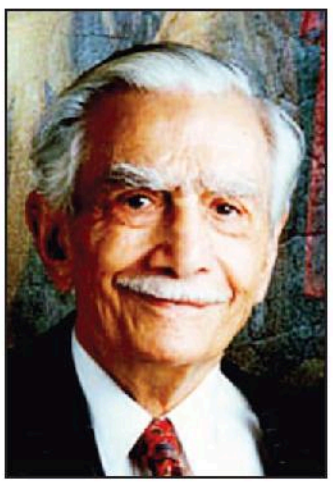
Last rites were held at Metagalli Burial Grounds.

Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD



Malice in Blunderland!



Russi Karanjia
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Now, let me warn you at the very outset, that the title of this article qualifies eminently, to be labelled as an act of barefaced plagiarism. But I am using it here nevertheless, because plagiarism is today an act that is much committed and much condoned too.

And I say this because, in these days of easy internet surfing and much easier cutting and pasting of the content therein, it's a very simple job for anyone to produce an admirable piece of writing, commonplace, analytical or mind you, even scientific.

When you also take into consideration the rapid forages AI is making into our daily lives these days, plagiarism has not only become much easier, more widespread but even dignified. Otherwise, what is the use of developing new technologies, if we do not put them to good use, even if it is only to show that we are keeping pace with progress?

'Malice in Blunderland,' a parody of the story **'Alice in Wonderland,'** by **Lewis Carroll,** was the title of a very popular column by **Russi Karanjia** in the weekly tabloid *Blitz* which he started in the year 1941, at the peak of the II World War and ran it almost single-handedly, with astounding success, for more than fifty years.

While I used to enjoy reading it while I was in high school, it was in discussing it with my friends which I enjoyed more, even if only to show off the kind of stuff I was reading, at such an early age! Sadly, Russi and the once very popular paper he founded, are now both gone. But in their departing, they both left behind a void, that was felt for very long, by all their admirers.

Incidentally and interestingly, Russi too had plagiarised the title of his column by borrowing it from the title of an extinct and long forgotten book and in doing so he has inspired me to do likewise, secure in the knowledge that it is a pretty safe thing to do and it might also do fair justice to the topic I'm writing about today!

Over the past few days or even weeks, a very eccentric WhatsApp forward has been doing very brisk rounds across the length and breadth of our country, about the allegedly insane way in which doctors and hospitals in India are making big money these days.

Not being much of a WhatsApp driven man, I ignored the outlandish but very amusing content of these forwards that kept coming to my hospital number repeatedly, until a good many patients coming to me, started discussing the ethical questions it raised, instead of discussing their medical problems, which is what they were paying me for.

In my much-amused state, the realisation suddenly dawned on me that it would make an interesting and illuminating subject to write upon, which I'm now doing.

The WhatsApp message starts by urging us all to read and reflect on **'an extremely serious matter,'** with utmost seriousness and by announcing that India's healthcare sector is on the verge of a collapse, as explicitly acknowledged by India's Parliamentary Committee. But it does not mention when this Parliamentary Committee was constituted and when it made the announcement.

I am dealing here only with a few of the many issues it discusses. Quoting a report of a research study reportedly conducted by a News Channel, it goes on into a detailed narration of what percentage of the different kinds of surgeries and medical procedures fall into the bracket of being completely unnecessary, being performed only with *mala fide* intentions.

Needless to say and to draw attention to the magnitude of the problem and justify the need for issuing this timely public awareness message, these figures are devised to appear very alarming to anyone who reads them. But nothing has been said about when the News Channel conducted its landmark study and which competent authority verified and authenticated its figures.

The next paragraph goes on to say that senior doctors in several reputed hospitals in Maharashtra are paid salaries as high as Rs. 1 crore per month. The reason given for this is that they push for more tests, more treatments, more admissions and more surgeries, without necessity, for which they need to be rewarded.

The source quoted here is the very impressive sounding, **British Medical Journal,** one of the most prestigious medical publications in the world. But the date of the issue that carries this report is understandably missing.

Now, if a hospital has to pay that kind of money to its doctors, it has to necessarily be a very big and busy one. And a very big hospital necessarily has to have a huge team of senior doctors in addition to a many times much bigger team of junior doctors and para medical staff.

For any sample size, knowing hospital economics as I know, a Rs. 1 crore monthly salary for every senior doctor would quickly leave the hospital bankrupt and the rest of its staff on the pavement outside!

But the idea seems impressive when you are someone with a deep grudge against doctors and hospitals.

Sadly, I never knew that Maharashtra is such a rich goldmine for senior medical professionals, or else I would have headed there years ago, to make my fortune which has been eluding me for forty long years.

This also raises the question of why so many very efficient doctors, who hail from Maharashtra are spread across the length and breadth of this world, striving hard to eke out a decent existence, so far flung from their homes and dear ones, when they are sitting on a goldmine, back home!

The report then drags a National English Newspaper into its next paragraph and quotes it as saying that many hospitals continue to hold and treat long dead patients in their wards, just to continue to make money. Without mentioning the hospital, it tells of how a deceased fourteen-year-old patient was kept on a ventilator for a full month, before being discharged only when a complaint was filed against the hospital.

A pretty impressive accusation indeed but most people who believe this kind of nonsense, do not know that continuing to pump oxygen into a dead body will not prevent it from beginning to decay and decompose, within a day.

We all know very well that when it comes to medical care, India is among the top performers in the world, with patients from across the world, flocking to our country for advanced medical care. This speaks of the trust and faith they have in our hospitals and doctors and far from being on the verge of a collapse, our healthcare system is touching the heights of progress.

But it is sad that some people still strive hard to tarnish our image with much malice. These outlandish social media stories will continue to do their anti-social rounds, unrestrained and unregulated, as long as we do not have a system that can pin the guilt on the perpetrators of fake posts.

And as long as people enjoy believing in them, they will keep going around, on the merry go round of fantasy. It is very much like what **Mirza Ghalib,** the Urdu poet says about paradise: *Hamko maloom hai Jannat ki haqeeqath, lekin dil ko khush rakhney ko Ghalib, ye khayal acchha hai...* **which means, We know the reality of what lies in heaven, but to keep the heart happy, the illusion is very gladdening!**

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Mysore Palace reverberates with Adi Shankara Stotras

Thousands mark golden jubilee of Sringeri Sharada Mutt Seer Sri Bharati Tirtha Swamiji's Sanyasa Sweekara

Sringeri Sharada Mutt Junior Pontiff Sri Vidushekara Bharati Swamiji addressing the gathering at the *Stuti Shankara - Stotra Mahasamarpane* ***mega event organised at Mysore Palace premises yesterday. K.R. Nagar's Yedatore Sri Yoganandeshwara Saraswathi Mutt Seer Sri Shankara Bharati Swamiji, Sri Brahmananda Bharati Swamiji and others are seen.***

Mysuru, Dec. 21 (PM&DM)- Amid the resplendent lighting of the Mysore Palace, thousands of devotees participated in a grand *Stuti Shankara Stotra Parayana* at the Palace premises last evening.

The event marked the Golden Jubilee of *Sanyasa Sweekara* (ascetic initiation) of Sringeri Sharada Mutt Seer Sri Bharati Tirtha Swamiji.

On the occasion, the large gathering rendered *stotras* composed by Adi Shankaracharya — *Kalyana Vrishti Stava, Shiva Panchakshara Nakshatramala'* and *Lakshmi Narasimha Karunarasa* — in a melodious and devotional chorus that reverberated across the Palace and its surroundings.

The programme commenced with *Veda Ghosha* and *Vagdevi Stuti* in the benign presence of the Junior Pontiff of Sringeri Sharada Mutt, Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Swamiji.

Immense spiritual power

Addressing the gathering, Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Swamiji said that *stotras* possess immense spiritual power.

Describing them as a sacred language of communication with the Almighty, he said Adi Shankaracharya gifted humanity this profound medium to connect with God. He noted that Adi Shankaracharya revitalised *Sanatana Dharma* by systematising *Advaita Vedanta* (non-dualistic philosophy) and that *stotras* serve as an accessible path to understand this philosophy.

Picture shows devotees rendering *Stotra Parayana* ***in chorus.***

Emphasising the importance of purity in spiritual expression, the Seer said the language used to communicate with the Divine must be elevating and reiterated that Adi Shankaracharya provided the finest such language through his *stotras*.

Sharada Mutt and Mysore Palace

In his address, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar recalled the long-standing and cordial relationship between the Sringeri Sharada Mutt and the Mysore Palace.

Observing that the erstwhile royal family had always sought the guidance of the Sringeri Jagadgurus, he said the Mutt has played a pivotal role in preserving India's rich cultural and spiritual heritage and has rendered yeoman service to society.

Stuti Shankara programme convening committee member Sudhakar S. Shetty said the event was not merely a religious gathering but a movement for spiritual awakening and cultural renaissance, celebrating India's timeless religious traditions.

Earlier, Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Swamiji was accorded a warm welcome at the Palace by Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, MP Yaduveer and his wife Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar. Members of the erstwhile royal family later performed *Paduka Puja* to the Seer.

Among those present were Yedatore Yoganandeshwara Saraswathi Mutt Seer Sri Shankara Bharati Swamiji, Sri Brahmananda Bharati Swamiji, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, State BJP OBC Morcha President R. Raghu Kautilya and others.

Thousands of devotees from across the State, who had practised Adi Shankaracharya's stotras for nearly a year, took part in the mega spiritual event.

Titular head of erstwhile Mysore Royal Family Yaduveer Wadiyar performing puja rituals under the guidance of Sringeri Sharada Mutt Junior Seer Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Swamiji in the Palace yesterday as Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar and Aadyaveer Narasimharaja Wadiyar look on.

CII Mysuru to launch City-wide Tree Census Drive tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 21- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru Zone, has initiated a Tree Census Project for Mysuru city, aimed at creating a credible, ward-wise baseline to support Mysuru's environmental planning and long-term sustainable growth.

A scientific tree census effort has already commenced in the city. Mysuru Green Projects (MGP) and the Centre For Advanced Learning (CFAL), Mangaluru, along with a few academic institutions, have begun systematic documentation.

As per the preliminary progress shared, around 15,000 trees have been counted across two wards and the city-wide tree population is estimated to be over 2,00,000.

Building on this foundation, CII Mysuru is now taking the initiative to scale the effort through wider participation from its member industries and institutions, with the intent of enabling a comprehensive, city-wide tree census in the months ahead.

With phased implementation and collective participation from industry, institutions and citizens, CII Mysuru is endeavouring to complete the city-wide tree census by March 2026.

To formally roll out the initiative and equip participating organisations, CII Mysuru is organising a Tree Census Project Kick-Off and Train-the-Trainer Session on Monday (Dec. 22) between 5 pm and 6 pm at IS Seminar Hall, Golden Jubilee Bhavan, JSS Science and Technology University, Mysuru.

The session will include a practical orientation on the tree census approach and hands-on training on data capture and collation using a dedicated mobile application, enabling nominated institutional teams to lead the activity within their respective organisations.

Savitha Mallappa, Convenor, CII Mysuru CSR & DEI Panel, noted that the initiative is a collective opportunity for industry, institutions and citizens to contribute towards a greener and healthier Mysuru. She has appealed to academic institutions and organisations to join hands in the city-wide tree census initiative.

For details contact G. Vivek Bharadwaj of CII Mysuru Zone on Mob: 85533-95747.

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 22)

- **Sabarimala Sree Ayyappa Pooja Samithi:** 65th Annual Puja, Maha Ganapathi Homa, Usha Puja, Chathushuddhi, Dara, Panchagavyam, Panchakam, Kalasa Puja, Seeveli, Procession with Vadyam, Kalasabhishekam, Ucha Puja, **5.30 am to 12 noon;** Deeparadhana, Attazha Pooja, Sree Bhootha Bali, Velakku, Prasada Viniyoga, **5.30 pm to 9 pm;** Special Thayambaka by Vadyakalarathna Sri Payyavoor Gopalan Kutty Marar & Party, Sree Ayyappa Swamy & Sree Guruvayurappan Temple, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 am to 10 am and 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Oriental Research Institute (ORI):** 'Guruvandana' and book release programme, Sringeri Sharada Mutt Seer Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Swamiji graces the occasion, University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath presides, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev chief guest, ORI premises, Kautilya Circle, Krishnaraja Boulevard, **9.30 am.**
- **Sadvidya Higher Primary English Medium School and Sadvidya High School:** 52nd Annual Day celebrations, 'Sri Krishnaleelamruta,' DRDO AI & Robotics Department Senior Scientist Dr. S. Sanjay chief guest, Sadvidya Educational Institutions Hon. President Prof. MSK Narahari Babu presides, Sadvidya Educational Institutions Hon. Secretary M.D. Gopinath will be present, Kalamandira, Hunsur Road, **9.30 am to 2 pm.**
- **Department of Studies in Anthropology, University of Mysore (UoM):** Inauguration of 2-day National Seminar on 'Essence of Field Studies in Anthropological Research' by UoM Registrar M.K. Savitha, Chamarajanagar University VC Prof. M.R. Gangadhar chief guest, Seminar Hall, DoS in Anthropology, **10 am.**
- **Kannada & Culture Department:** District-level Kala Pratibhotsava 2025-26, various cultural programmes, Rangayana premises, **10.30 am to 6 pm.**
- **Vishwamanava Mysore University Employees Forum and Nava Vishwamanava Trust, Mysuru:** Send-off and Felicitation Ceremony, Send-off to Prof. Anita Vimla Braggs, felicitation to Amshi Prasanna Kumar, Dr. Srikantaswamy, Dr. Vijayalakshmi Manapura, Dr. M.B. Suresh, Dr. Jnanaprakash, Suresh, Thimmaiah and T.S. Ravi; University of Mysore VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath presides, EMRC Auditorium, Manasagangothri, **10.30 am.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Vidyakula High School, Hootagalli:** 17th Annual Day Anavaran, Senior Rangayana Artiste Mime Ramesh chief guest, Dept. of Economics and Statistics Assistant Directors Mahesh (Ramanagar) and Chitra (Mandya) guests of honour, Kalamandira, Hunsur Road, **4 pm.**
- **Mysore Palace Board:** Winter Fest - Flower Show, Cultural Programmes - Dance-drama by students of BVB, Mysuru, **5 pm to 5.30 pm;** Light music by Rithvik C. Raj and team, **5.45 pm to 6.30 pm;** 'Kavi-Kavya Sangeetha Sangama' by Mano Music Lines, **6.45 pm to 8 pm;** 'Raaga Rhythm Fusion' by Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy and troupe, Palace premises, **8.15 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Cultural programmes, staging of short play on 'Women atrocities,' **5.30 pm to 6.30 pm;** Staging of short play on '5 Guarantee Schemes of the Government,' P. Kalingarao Gaana Mantapa, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Parampare:** Bhajans by Sri Vishwesha Krishna Bhajana Mandali; Dr. Veena Bannanje delivers lecture on 'Srimad Bhagavatha,' Mysore Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.** [Mob: 99860-37311]

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WORD OF THE DAY

Jaunty

Pronunciation: JAWN-tee (adjective)

Meaning: Something described as jaunty is lively in manner or appearance. Jaunty can also describe something, such as an article of clothing, that suggests a lively and confident quality.

Origin: Does throwing on a jaunty hat make someone appear more genteel? Maybe, but something more definitive links the words: both jaunty and genteel come from the French word gentil, meaning "of aristocratic birth." Genteel was borrowed first to describe things associated with aristocratic people. Jaunty joined the language just a few years later in the mid-17th century as a synonym of stylish and also as a synonym for genteel. While genteel has maintained its associations of propriety and high social class, jaunty has traipsed into less stuffy territory as a descriptor of tunes and hats and other things that suggest lively confidence.

Example: "He stood at the front of the room and announced that we would begin with a quiz, which we all failed because the quiz was over material that we were supposed to have covered during the last class. When he handed the quizzes back to us after the break, he did so in a frenetic, almost jaunty way, running up and down the aisles and announcing our grades—'Zero, zero, zero'—loudly before tossing the quizzes down in front of us ..." — Lori Ostlund, Are You Happy?: Stories, 2025.

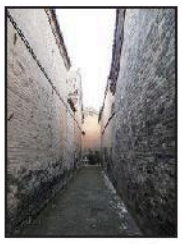
THE ODD WORD

Jararaca

Poisonous Brazilian snake.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Up a blind alley



Meaning: When you use the phrase 'Up a blind alley' you mean that someone is following a course of action that is certain to lead to an undesirable outcome.

Origin: The origin of the expression 'Up a blind alley' comes from the mid-19th century, hundreds of years after alleyways that essentially lead to nowhere were first configured. The phrase is first seen in print in the late 1800s, with this example from the October 1874 newspaper Burlington Hawk-Eye serving as an illustration: "If, on account of these things, the overthrow of Republicanism must come, as come it will, we had better reach our destination as quickly as possible, making the issue sharp enough to be understood by all the world, and not be piddling along from year to year in a miserable blind alley of partisan passion and falsehood, getting weaker and weaker, and poorer and poorer, and madder and madder, under incessant proscription and vilification."

Example: "I keep telling Gina to stop chasing after Joe. She's just going up a blind alley!"

QUOTE BOX

Vanity working on a weak head, produces every sort of mischief.

—Jane Austen

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer :Raising Hell.

SUDOKU

					8	6	9	
		4	6			7		2
				1				
					6	3		
8		1		5		9		4
		7	8					
				9				
3		6			2	4		
	4	2	3					

Answer to previous puzzle

6	5	9	8	1	3	7	4	2
7	4	2	5	9	6	8	1	3
3	8	1	7	4	2	9	5	6
9	2	5	3	8	1	6	7	4
4	6	8	2	5	7	3	9	1
1	3	7	9	6	4	2	8	5
5	7	3	1	2	8	4	6	9
2	1	6	4	7	9	5	3	8
8	9	4	6	3	5	1	2	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Road Transport Office, in short
4 Canine sound
7 Arab boat
11 Eleventh month in short
12 Austrian river - "rum" anagram?
13 North central US state
14 South Australian capital
17 Scottish river
18 Limited or confined
20 ____ International Circuit: Indian GP venue
22 Exchange fee
23 E.T.'s ride
24 Refuse of flax
27 Period of immaturity
31 Aggregates
33 Peddles or vends
34 Sound of a cow
35 Ballet skirt
37 Tiffs
39 Wonderful, terrific or arduous
42 Ski lift (1-3)
43 Inhabitant of an ancient country in West Italy
46 Insular land
47 Missing in action in short
48 Southwest Indian
49 Made haste
50 Wily and cunning
51 Timid, bashful

DOWN

1 Genetic material
2 Wool weight
3 Carried too far
4 Kishore's son
5 Former Indian paceman ___ Pratap Singh
6 Cargo
7 Warp
8 Expectation
9 Was in debt
10 Road or track for passing along
15 Showed the way
16 Powdery residue
19 Goodbye
20 Round bread roll
21 Flying saucers
25 Capital of Syria
26 Narrow notch
28 Made changes
29 Down in the dumps
30 Respects or reveres
32 Distress signal, in short
36 To such time
37 Former France coin
38 Septic discharge
39 Recipe abbreviation
40 Breathing sound
41 A brewer's cart
42 It is, as poets might express it
44 Greek capital to Air India
45 Marshal at Waterloo

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	T	T	A	■	P	R	O	D	■	A	N	A
C	H	I	C	■	V	A	S	E	■	U	N	D
M	E	E	R	■	C	Y	L	I	N	D	E	R
E	N	R	O	L	■	■	O	S	S	A	■	■
■	■	■	B	I	G	B	■	M	E	C	C	A
S	U	M	A	T	R	A	N	■	■	I	A	C
W	R	I	T	■	I	S	O	■	E	T	R	E
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P	E	L	T	S	■	S	E	A	R	■	■	■
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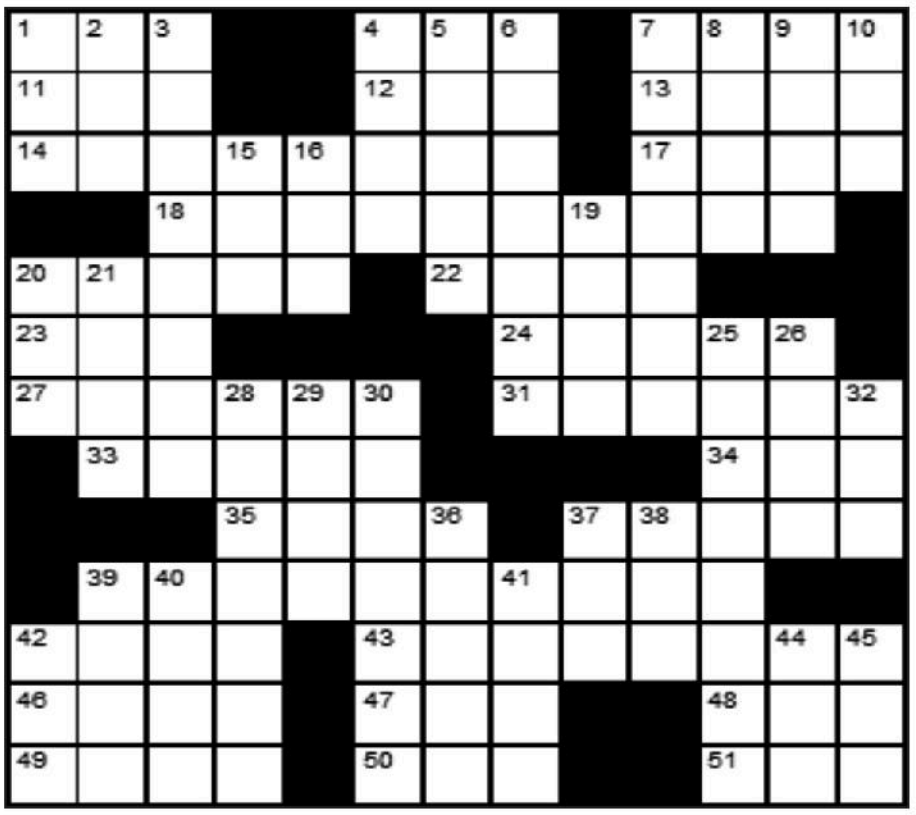

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

PZQ HGS OSESG BRESO H FRUY FRCYZQC HDUZ

KSROB BRESO CYS TZFSG CZ IHVS RC MZIS CGQS.

PZQ IHP YHES CZ FZGV AZG RC, YZFSESG.

TODAY'S CLUE: Q EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: We teach them proper principles and let them govern themselves.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

Sangam Theatre **Ph: 2520494**
The Devil (K) - 4 Shows

Gayathri Theatre **Ph: 2443568**
The Devil (K) - 4 Shows

Mahadeshwara Theatre **Mob: 99008-20093**
The Devil (K) - 4 Shows

Woodlands Theatre **Ph: 2422871**
Avatar: Fire & Ash (K) - 1 Show; *Avatar: Fire & Ash (E)* - 2 Shows

Rajkamal Theatre **Ph: 2423554**
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te) - 4 Shows

Lido Theatre **Ph: 2420885**
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (K) - 4 Shows

Prabha Theatre **Mob: 98454-14691**
Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K) - 4 Shows

Padma Theatre **Ph: 2521923**
Padayappa (Ta) - 4 Shows

Balaji Theatre **Mob: 98863-25207**
Dhurandhar (H) - 3 Shows

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Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	(S-1)	10 am, 2.05 pm
		6.05 pm, 10 pm
The Devil (K)	(S-2)	9.55 am, 1.15 pm
	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	(S-2)	4.30 pm, 8.35 pm
	(S-4)	10 am, 2.05 pm
		6.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Padayappa (Ta)	(S-3)	9.30 am
Kombuseevi (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
Vishwaroopini Shree Vasavi (K)	(S-3)	4 pm
Bha Bha Ba (Ma)	(S-3)	10.30 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

The Devil (K)	:	10.25 am, 1.30 pm
		6.30 pm, 9.40 pm
Avatar: Fire & Ash (K-3D)	:	10.50 am, 2.15 pm
		4.40 pm, 8.20 pm
Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	:	1 pm, 6 pm
		9.45 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	2.30 pm, 4.45 pm
		9.15 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	:	6.30 am, 10 am
		10.30 am, 2 pm
		2.30 pm, 6 pm
		6.30 pm, 10 pm, 10.30 pm
The Devil (K)	:	8.40 am, 12.05 pm
		3.30 pm, 3.40 pm
		6.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9 am, 9.30 am
		1.15 pm, 1.45 pm
		5.30 pm, 6 pm
		9.45 pm, 10.15 pm
Bha Bha Ba (Ma)	:	9.15 am, 7.05 pm
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te)	:	12.20 pm
Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2 (H)	:	10.10 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	:	6.30 am, 9.40 am
		10.30 am, 2.30 pm
		6.30 pm, 10.30 pm
The Devil (K)	:	8.40 am, 12.05 pm
		2.45 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10.30 am, 1.40 pm, 5.55 pm
		9.30 pm, 10.10 pm
Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (Te)	:	6.10 pm

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 21)

Sri Guru Ganayogi Swara Sangeetha Vidyalaya: 2nd Anniversary celebrations and Sangeetha Samaradhane, Hindustani Music and Vachana Gayana by students of Sri Guru Ganayogi Swara Sangeetha Vidyalaya, Mysuru & Hunsur and Deenabandhu Ashram; Pt. Shivananda Herur, Hanumanth Kumar Belagal and H. Rekha Belagal special guest singers, accompanied by Kalaburagi's Channaiah Aralagundagi and Mysuru's Sri Guru Ganayogi Swara Sangeetha Vidyalaya Guru Prabhu Rao on harmonium, R. Balasubramanya (disciple of Hariprasad Chourasia) on flute, Ramesh Dhannur, Bengaluru's Santhosh Kodli and Bhimashankar Hemanoor on tabla, Indrakumar on keyboard and G. Suresh on rhythm pad, Rotary West auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **up to 9 pm.** [Mob: 98803-69141]

Sri Pathanjali Yoga Shikshana Samithi (SPYSS), Mysuru Committee: Silver Jubilee Celebrations, Cultural Programme, N. Channabasappa and H.T. Pushpa of SPYSS will inaugurate, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **up to 9 pm.**

Arka Dhama: Classical Music Concert by Vid. Manickam Yogeswaran, accompanied by Vid. Madhusudhan on violin, Vid. M.R. Manjunath on mridanga, Vid. M.S. Jayaram on kanjira, Vid. M.S. Kiran Kumar on ghata, Vid. M.R. Mohan on morching and Vid. R. Ravindra on tambura; Arka Foundation and Arka Dhama Founder Yogi Srinivas Arka will be present, Arka Dhama auditorium, Bogadi-Gaddige Road, Kaniyanahundi Gate, **3 pm to 5.30 pm.**

Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru: 66th International Nirantara Kalemane Festival, Mohan Vernekar, a distinguished writer and a well-known caricature artiste, chief guest; Sattriya dance by artistes Sridevi Jagannath and Rohini Ananth, arriving from the USA and Dubai; Kuchipudi dance by Padmashri Balu Uri and her disciples, arriving from Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh; Kathak dance by Vidu. Seema Krishnan and her disciples, from Bengaluru; Bharatanatyam by Dr. Radhika Kalluray from Mangaluru and her disciples, Kalemane Sabhaangana, Hebbal 2nd Stage, **3 pm.**

Rotary Bangalore South Parade and Rotary Mysore Metro: Inauguration of 'Amrutha Varshini - Mothers Milk Bank,' RI Dist. 3191 District Governor Rtn. B.R. Sridhar and RI Dist. 3181 District Governor Rtn. P.K. Ramakrishna chief guests, Rtn. H.R. Keshav and Rtn. Yashaswi Somashekar guests of honour, MMC&RI Dean & Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayani and Cheluvamba Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. R. Sudha will be present, Cheluvamba Hospital,K.R. Hospital premises, **3 pm.**

Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA): 'Mahila Utsava,' Dasara Exhibition premises, **4 pm to 9.30 pm;** Cultural programmes, musical evening by Sri Adishakti Natya Sangha, Srirangapatna, Mandya (Junior Ambarish - Hosadurga, Junior Upendra - Kushtagi, Junior Shankar Nag - Honnali, Junior Ravichandran - Vijayapura, Junior Gurukiran - Kundapura, Geetha - Sigandur and Divya - Bengaluru; Manager R. Srinivas), P. Kalingarao Gaana Mantapa, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **6.30 pm.**

Swara Madhurya Trust - Samskrutika Kala Sangha: 25t anniversary celebrations, audio release, 'Sugama Sangeetha Kalanidhi' award presentation and group singing, MLA T.S. Srivatsa presides, Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat Mysuru Unit President Dr. Nagaraj Bairy, art patron K. Raghuram Vajpayee and Kannada & Culture Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan will be present, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm.**

Konkani Christian Association, Mysuru: Christmas Celebrations, Feast Mass, Konkan Bhavan, **4 pm.**

Mysore Palace Board: Winter Festival - Flower Show, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates; Cultural Programmes - Instrumental music by S. Sampath and team, **4.30 pm to 5.15 pm;** Devotional songs by Yogashree and troupe, **5.20 pm to 5.50 pm;** Light music by Lavanya and team, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Folk songs by H.S. Sneha and troupe; rendition of the Mysuru State anthem 'Kaayo Sri Gauri,' formal inauguration of the cultural programmes, **7.15 pm to 7.30 pm;** Grand musical concert by multilingual Music Director Manikanth Kadri and vocalist Hansika Iyer, Palace premises, **7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**

Pavana Musical Events: Musical Evening, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **4.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**

Sri Nimishamba Dance Promoters: 29th anniversary celebrations, Hejje-Gejje National Dance Festival, cine actors Dr. Girija Lokesh, Srujan Lokesh, Pooja Lokesh and Greeshma Srujan Lokesh chief guests; Shiva Tandava dance-feature by over 200 artistes, Kalamandira, **5 pm.**

Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch: Dhanurmasa Puja, Temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Niranthara Foundation, Mysuru: Niranthara Ranga Utsava, Veeraghase performance by Naveen Kumar and Team, Kadur, **5.30 pm;** Valedictory ceremony. Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Senior Theatre Director Chidambara Rao Jambe, Thinker Devanura Basavaraju and M.M. Suguna of Niranthara will be present, **6.15 pm;** Stating of play 'Kodalla Andre Kodalla' (based on Dario Fo's 'Can't pay, Won't pay) by Nirdiganta, Srirangapatna, Music: Anush Shetty; Concept, Design and Direction: Shakeel Ahmed, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

Indian Institute of Educational Theatre (IIET), Mysuru and Astikya Foundation: Valedictory of National Puppetry Festival, R. Guru, Philanthropist & Industrialist, N. Ranga Rao & Sons, Mysuru, guest of honour, Hardwicke School campus, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru: Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Sri Ramakrishna Vachanaveda' in Kannada, Ashram premises, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**

Sabarimala Sree Ayyappa Pooja Samithi: 65th Annual Puja Celebrations, 26th Year Dhwajarohana Mahothsava, Dwajarohana, Sree Ayyappa Swamy and Sree Guruvayurappan Temple, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm to 9 pm.**

Sadhana Mandira: Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja with meaning, symbolism, significance, advantages and methodology by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Sankashtahara Ganapati Temple, BEML Nagar, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm;** Mysuru Yogalaya, D.S. Mansion, #1, 13th Block, SBM Layout, Vivekanandanagar, **7.30 pm to 8.15 pm.**

Rangayana, Mysuru: Staging of play 'Prati Gandharva' by Rangayana, Davanagere, written by Dr. Rajappa Dalavayi, music by Ravi Mooruru, directed by Malathesh Badigera, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

Avadhoota Datta Peetham: 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

[See EVENTS TOMORROW (Dec. 22) on Page-9]

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	:	6.30 am, 10.30 am
		2.30 pm, 6.30 pm
		10.30 pm
Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-2D)	:	9.20 am
Avatar: Fire & Ash (K-2D)	:	1.20 pm
The Devil (K)	:	8.45 am, 12.05 pm
		3.30 pm, 6.55 pm
		10.20 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.40 am, 1.50 pm, 5.20 pm
		6 pm, 10.10 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	:	6.30 am, 10.30 am, 2.30 pm
		6.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-2D)	:	9 am
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.40 am, 10.40 am
		1.50 pm, 6 pm
		9.40 pm, 10.10 pm
The Devil (K)	:	12.55 pm, 2.50 pm
		6.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Kombuseevi (Ta)	:	4.20 pm
Bha Bha Ba (Ma)	:	7.15 pm

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